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In re: Vandepopuliere et al.
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SALMONELLA IN SHELL EGGS

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 23, 2001, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

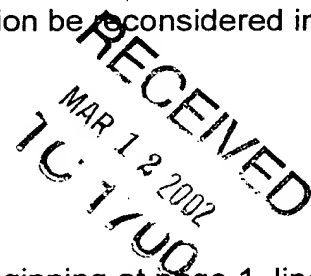
In the Specification.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention relates to methods for pasteurizing shell eggs. More particularly the present invention relates to methods for reducing or eliminating *Salmonella* from shell eggs and for improving the storage capabilities of shell eggs.--

Please replace the section beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following rewritten section:

-- It is well known that *Salmonella* organisms have been associated with egg products. More recently, *Salmonella enteritidis* (SE) has been detected within shell eggs. Presently, the presence of *Salmonella* within the shell egg is a major concern. Some states have enacted legislation preventing



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